A HAPPY ENGLISH TEACHER! Something tells us that the students in Mrs. Edwina Covington's English classes at Appomattox County High School all got "A's" on Wednesday of last week.

Before she left for school, Edwina, Mrs. Julian Covington, went deer hunting and she got her first buck after eight years of deer hunting. She has been hunting squirrels and rabbits for more than eight years, but was really happy about "her buck".

Mr. and Mrs. Covington owns and operate a farm in the Prospect community. Although she has been teaching school for twelve years, Edwina admits that her first love is the out-of-doors. She enjoys plowing the garden, doing carpentry work and, in fact, anything that she can do outside. Her husband was quick to add, "She likes to do anything but wash dishes!" Now that she has gotten the hang of it, we'll expect her to get at least one buck a year from now on.

Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc. & Central Nat'l Corp. Reach Agreement For Affiliation

LYNCHBURG - Alvin R. Clements, president and chief executive officer of Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc., Lynchburg, Va., and Carroll L. Saine, president and chief executive officer of Cental National Corp., Richmond, Va., today jointly announced an agreement in principle by the executive committees of their respective board of directors for affiliation of the two organizations. The agreement contemplates the creation of a new company into which the two bank holding companies would be consolidated.

If the affiliation is consummated, the newly formed company would issue 1¼ shares of its common stock for each share of Central National stock and 1 share of common stock for each share of common stock of Fidelity American. The new company would also issue on a share for share basis its preferred stock in exchange for the presently outstanding $6.00 Cumulative Convertible Voting Series A Preferred Stock of Fidelity American Bankshares. At Sept. 30, 1977, Central had outstanding 1,780,401 shares of common stock and Fidelity American had outstanding 2,504,268 shares of common stock and 51,937 shares of preferred stock.

Under the proposal, Mr. Clements would be chairman of the board and Mr. Saine would be president. Headquarters of the new company would be in Richmond, Va., with executive offices maintained in both Lynchburg and Richmond.

Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc., is a bank holding company with 15 affiliated banks operating 81 banking offices in 42 Virginia locations. Its principal banking affiliate is Fidelity American Bank NA with main offices in Lynchburg. Total assets of Fidelity American Bankshares, Inc., were $940,508,000 at Sept. 30, 1977.

Central National Corp. is also a bank holding company owning seven affiliated banks with 42 banking offices serving the urban corridor of Virignia. Its principal banking affiliate is The Central National Bank of Richmond. The corporation's total assets as of Sept. 30, 1977 were $505,296,000. Central has recently announced an agreement to affiliate with the Citizens National Bank of Emporia, Va., with assets as Sept. 30, 1977 of $30,057,000.

In a joint meeting, Clements and Saine said, "The affiliation of our two banking organizations will improve our competitive position in relation to the larger state, regional, and national banking organizations with which we presently compete. The increased size will provide a well-balanced banking organization which will utilize the combined capital, physical and personnel resource more effectively. This in turn can be expected to improve the efficiency and quality of services offered to the public."

The proposed affiliation is subject to the execution of a final agreement, approval by the board of directors and shareholders of both companies, and approval by governmental authorities.

Mother Of The Year Information Released

Information on nominating procedure for Virginia's Mother of the Year has been released by Mrs. Vivian Giles, of Danville, chairman of the state organization.

Nomination blanks and full information are available by writing Mrs. Curtis Pulliam, 116 Ascot Lane, Blacksburg, Va., 24060. Individuals, church groups, civic organizations and social groups can enter nominations. The 1978 Mother selected will succeed Mrs. Mary W. Norfleet of Richmond, who is now serving as 1977 Mother of the Year.

The mothers nominated must have no children younger than 15; must be of cheerful, understanding nature; must be active in her church; interested keenly in school and community affairs; and be able to devote her time, if chosen American Mother of the Year, to the year's program of this organization. Character and achievement of the nominee's children are also vital in the selection.

Each of the 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, will choose their respective State Mothers and these will gather in Iowa where the American Mothers' annual convention will be held in 1978, the week immediately preceding Mothers Day.

During this week a "secret" committee of judges will select one of the state mothers to serve during the following year as National Mother of the Year.

Virginia's Mother will receive her citation from the Governor of Virginia and will be highly honored in her own community and throughout the state.

Nomination blanks should be secured without undue delay from Mrs. Pulliam in Blacksburg as they must be returned to her, properly filled out, along with all supporting material no later than Jan. 28, 1978.

Virginia has honored a Mother each year since 1944 when Mrs. Irving Thomas of Richmond was chosen as the State Mother. The Virginia Young Mother is being chosen in addition to this State mother, for the first time this year. Details for this nomination can also be secured from Mrs. Pulliam in Blacksburg.

VA Helps Pay Tutoring Costs

Uncle Sam's turned tutor.

That was the reminder today from the Veterans Administration to veterans enrolled in college under the GI Bill.

That was the reminder today from the Veterans Administration to veterans enrolled in college under the GI Bill.

Tutoring help is available to make sure veterans get the most from their college training, according to the Roanoke VA Regional Office. The free service is not charged against the veteran's basic GI Bill educational entitlement.

The government did not pay for tutorial assistance for World War II and Korean conflict veterans, VA said, but under present law VA will pay as much as $65 a month for such help up to a maximum of $780.

In addition to veterans and active duty servicemen, tutorial benefits are also available to widows, widowers, spouses and children studying under the VA's Dependents Educational Assistance Program.

Veterans and servicemen attending school at the post-secondary level on at least a half-time basis are eligible if they have a deficiency in a subject required in an approved program of education, VA said.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from any VA office or campus representative.

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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Here 'tis a wet and dreary Monday morning. That is the way it looks outside. But 'tain't all that bad. The rain will soak into the soil and pay dividends later on. And Christmas is around the corner and Santa Claus is everywhere and it is no time to be weary, dreary or sad. A few nights ago I looked out the window and actually could see a few stars. The Evening Star was the most brilliant one, but off to the right could make a couple of stars in the Big Dipper. It has almost gotten to be a novelty, the skies clear enough to see stars shining. Ah yes, there is so much to be thankful for. At the moment our fine tobacco growers seem to be pleased with the prices they are receiving on the warehouse floors. The year I came to Appomattox, the average price for dark-fired tobacco was four point seven cents a pound. Some piles of leaf did not even receive a bid at any price. My tendency is to look on the bright side, and often you find what you look for.

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One problem many of us have and that is in keeping an up-dated mailing list. Need it for mailings such times as Christmas and many friends do not live at the same address they had a year ago. Good idea to put your return address on outgoing mail.

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One hundred years ago, Dec. 6, 1877 The Washington POST began publishing. And at the same date, Thomas Alva Edison, the great inventor, came out with the phonograph. Think I read that the first phonograph tune was "Mary Had A Little Lamb" and that Edison said that he was surprised that one of his ideas worked the first time tried.

Paper is important. One of the many things we take for granted. It is said that in America we use 589 pounds of paper and paper products per person per year.

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There were a record number of Christmas parades this year . . . and everybody likes a parade. Let us have parades as often as we can. And support those who participate in this activity.

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What's for Christmas? A new bicycle . . . something for the home . . . something for outdoor recreation . . . a car, a doll, something to wear; there is an infinite choice. Our business places have the best suggestions ever. Our stores are ready to serve you and merit your patronage.

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Family ties are strong this time of year. Appomattox has always been strong for sustaining the home and family. And it is a year-round business.

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Have clipped a coupon to request my first garden catalog for the next planting season. One mailing list am glad to be on . . . for garden seed and supplies. May not order much, but like to have'em around.

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Gift suggestion. A subscription to the home county newspaper. Browsing around in my basement a few days ago I came upon a large cardboard box overflowing with old letters. From all over, mostly overseas. There were letters from Appomattox service men during World War II. Arrangements had been made to send the home paper to every service man free, if he or his family furnished us the mailing address. It was a highly successful project and I am happy that I saved many of their letters. Fits in with Christmas, too, for home ties, friends and dedication to duty are tops.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

SANTA CLAUS arrived downtown Appomattox Saturday at 4 p.m. by fire truck with two of his elves to visit with the children of the county. Santa, his two elves, Vic Reynolds of the Appomattox Fire Department, and some children are shown in photo above.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Visit Set For December 20th

"QUESTION ON REPLACEMENT" OF BLOOD FOR LOVED ONE - RELATIVE OR FRIEND EXPLORED WITH RED CROSS

With the announcement of the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Appomattox on December 20th a number of people have expressed an interest in donating blood to replace that used by friends or relatives, and have asked how this might be done.

At previous Bloodmobile visits, the Red Cross has strongly urged citizens to donate in the name of a previous user, so that blood used could be replaced. NOW THIS IS NO LONGER NEEDED.

Replacing blood that has been used is a wonderful thing for people to do, but it is not required for anyone living or working in an area served by a Red Cross Blood Program. In other words, anyone in Appomattox or the surrounding area will be provided blood by the Red Cross.

The last thing an ill patient in the hospital should have to be worrying about is how the blood he or she has used is going to be paid back.

The supplying of blood is a community responsibility and that means that the healthy individuals in our society voluntarily donate blood in the amounts needed to permit optimum care for all patients who need it.

There have been several reports from hospitals -such as U. VA. in Charlottesville - where patients have been asked to replace blood used. This is probably due to a misunderstanding or misinformation on the part of volunteer workers in the hospitals. There is no such requirement, and it is most unfortunate if a patient is subjected to such a worry. Everything possible to correct

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Civil War Christmas And Peace Celebration

On Saturday, December 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Appomattox Court House National Historical Park will host the Fourth Annual "Civil War Christmas and Peace Celebration."

The historic village will be decorated and lit from December 17 to December 27 with the buildings open only on the night of the 17th.

Dress warmly and join us for an evening of fellowship and reflection upon the spirit of peace. There will be fires to warm the hands and songs to warm the heart.

In event of rain or particularly bad weather, the evening activities will be cancelled.

School Board To Meet December 9

The Appomattox County Board will meet in regular session in the Board Room on Friday, December 9, 1977 at 3 p.m.

Items on the agenda will include progress report on basic learning skills, progress report on activities of School Board Policies Committee, report on progress of self-study of Appomattox Middle School, consideration of materials for use in health and physical education classes, report on Appomattox Primary School heating system, general discussion regarding projected plans for vocational and special education, attendance report and financial report.

Holiday Schedule At Post Office Is Announced

Window service at the Appomattox Post Office will be expanded to provide service from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, December 10 and on Saturday, December 17, according to an announcement from Mrs. ora McCoy, Postmaster.

Window service at the Pamplin Post Office will be normal which includes Saturday service from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Rural customers are again reminded to purchase their postage stamps in advance and affix them to all letters and cards.

Rural carriers are not required to affix stamps to letters and greeting cards mailed during the month of December. The additional volume of mail alone forces the carrier to work longer hours, and they do not have time to affix stamps to the cards and letters.

Pack and wrap all parcels securely. Include a slip of paper with the name and address of addressee and also your return address inside the parcel. If the outside wrapper is torn or mutilated, there will be identification inside. The 13c rate is in effect for all greeting cards, sealed or unsealed. Please separate letters and cards into two bundles and mark them "Appomattox" and "Out of Town".

For the post office personnel to serve you better, you are urged to help in a few ways. Please use complete address and 5-digit Zip Code numbers on all your mail **Local and Out of Town.** Also, "Shop early" and "Mail Early".

Call 352-5425

In the event of an emergency and you need the services of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, please call 352-5425 - not the Traveler's Inn Motel. Even though Ray Nobel is available during the day and takes most of the day calls, he serves at night for only one week during the month, as do all members.

Crew leaders are on call on a weekly basis and are ready to take calls when they are dispatched from 352-5425, Transco Station 170. When you call this number, Transco immediately calls the crew on duty and your call is responded to immediately by the crew on call for the week.

If private citizens, State Police, and the Sheriff's Department will remember this number, 352-5425, and follow the proper procedure when the rescue squad is needed, you will get the fine service that this organization renders to our citizens.

ASCS TO ESTABLISH 'NORMAL CROP ACREAGE'

"ASCS will establish the normal crop acreage for every farm," James R. Ford, Jr., Chairman of the Appomattox County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee said. To establish this acreage, a report of 1977 crops on each farm is needed. "The normal crop acreage will be zero without it."

Provisions of 1978 farm programs require that a participating farmer's planted acreage plus set aside cannot exceed his normal crop acreage. Mr. Ford said that farmers cannot have target price and disaster coverage if the report is delayed beyond the signup period. A signup period for crops with a set-aside will be held early next year.

So far, about 42 percent of the farmers in Appomattox County have certified their 1977 crop acreages.

Crops of barley, corn, oats, soybeans, grain sorghum, and wheat are included in the normal crop acreage."A farm's normal crop acreage will be the total number of acres of these crops planted for harvest in '77."

To be eligible for 1978 farm program benefits, all farmers - whether they have had allotments in the past or not - - are urged to report their 1977 crops to the county ASCS office.

DAN DANIEL TO HOLD WORKSHOP IN APPOMATTOX

Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel will hold "workshops" for constituents in Appomattox, Buckingham and Cumberland counties next Thurs., Dec. 8.

The Congressman will be in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court at Appomattox from 9 to 11 a.m.; in the clerk's office at Buckingham from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and in the Board of Supervisors Room in the County Office Building at Cumberland from 2 to 4 p.m.

Any resident of the Fifth District who has a problem with a Federal agency or who wishes to discuss legislation before Congress may see him at those times. Those wishing to discuss cases pending before the Social Security Administration, Vetrans Administration or other agencies should bring with them identifying case numbers or prior correspondence to aid in the Congressman's inquiries.

Wanted-A Flag For AppomattoxCounty

Contest Sponsored By Appomattox Council of Extension Homemakers

On October 14, 1977 a committee of Extension Homemakers met with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the idea of having a County Flag designed. Those serving on this committee are: Isabelle Coleman. County Chairman, Ethel Evans and Charlotte Jones. Shirley Walton, Extension Agent, is also working with them.

The Board of Supervisors has given the Appomattox Council of Extension Homemakers permission to conduct the design contest for the flag; select a panel of qualified judges to select the winning design; to present the winning design to the Board of Supervisors for approval; and to make the first Appomattox County Flag to be presented at an appropriate county-wide celebration such as July 4, 1978.

A County-wide contest is now being sponsored by the Council of Extension Homemakers. Requirements for the design contest are as follows: 1. The design should be drawn in full color on 8 1/4 x 11 sheet of bonded white paper. 2. The county seal of Appomattox should be incorporated into the design. 3. Any person, male or female, of any age may enter. 4. Only one design per family entering the contest will be

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Raiders Honored By Lions Club

The Appomattox County High School Raiders football team and their coaches were honored Thursday night when the Appomattox Lions club entertained them with a banquet and awards night. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Chuck Boone, Athletic Director from the University of Richmond.

In the above photo are, left to right, Mr. Boone: Andrew Kelso, Most Improved Raider Back; Myron McCoy, Most Improved Raider Lineman; Ronnie Abernathy, Lineman of the Year; Stuart Justus, ACHS Head Coach; Jay Franklin, Back of the Year; and Robert Dyess, Defensive Player of the Year. Joe Fraley, Offensive Player of the Year, was not available for the picture.

It was reported at the banquet that since 1948 Appomattox has recorded 197 wins, 89 losses and 9 ties in football.

Fred Lawson Acquires Eleven Genesco Plants

Mike Brandon, Public Relations Manager for Genesco, Inc., Tuesday afternoon confirmed an agreement in principle on all major points in the sale of eleven Genesco plants and nine outlet stores, located in the Central Virginia area, to Fred H. Lawson of Appomattox.

Genesco, Inc. made a decision at the end of July of this year to sell all their plants that manufactured children's clothes and Appomattox Garment Company was one of them.

With the sale to Lawson, operations at the local plant should go on uninterrupted.

Brandon said Tuesday that Genesco is delighted to be able to sell to a man who knows the business so well, as does Fred Lawson.

Lawson said Tuesday that approximately 1200 employees are involved in the eleven plants he is acquiring with an annual payroll exceeding $6 million. Three of the plants are located in Appomattox, two in Lynchburg, one each in Altavista, Bedford, Buckingham, Brookneal, Amherst and Stanley.

In the Appomattox plants, Lawson said that there are 500 employees with an annual payroll of over $2¾ million.

Lawson further stated that he plans to operate the plants under the same management, using the same personnel and operations should remain much the same as at this time.

This business transaction means a great deal to the people of Appomattox and surrounding areas and we wish for Fred Lawson every success in this endeavor.

Annual Dinner Honors Volunteer Firemen

The Town of Appomattox held its annual Christmas banquet on Monday evening at Jeanne's Steak House. Town officials, town employees, and invited guests were present to honor members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department.

Firemen are honored each year for their service to the town and to the county with a dinner and a cash bonus is given to each of the volunteers.

Left to right in the above photo are, Henry Pack, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox; Paul Drinkard, Chairman of the Committee to solicit funds for the gift to the firemen; Town Police Chief James Ford, assistant to Paul Drinkard in collecting funds; C. R. "Skinny" Woolridge, Fire Commissioner; and Robert "Puddin" Childress, Fire Chief.

Drinkard and Ford were presented a gift of appreciation from members of the Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department.

Comprehensive Planning Continues

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the last in a series of four articles explaining the elements of the comprehensive planning process for Appomattox County and Town.

Previous articles have summarized the population, housing, transportation, environmental and community facilities elements of the Appomattox Comprehensive Plan. All of the elements are interrelated, and especially with the land use element.

The land use element inventories and categorizes the various uses of land within the county and town. The results are often shown on a map of existing land use which gives the distribution of different uses of land within the county and town.

For example, much of Appomattox County is used for agriculture or forest cover, while higher density residential and business areas make up a lesser part. In inventorying the towns, more specific categories might be used to show varied land uses in these high density areas.

When the inventory of land uses has determined how the jurisdictions are presently patterned, community goals and objectives are combined with the information in the environmental, housing, transportation and other elements to form the land use plan. It is here that the land use element takes on its all-encompassing aspect because much of the comprehensive planning gets back to the use of the land, and measures for plan implementation are often in the form of land use controls.

Presently the county has one land use control in the form of a zoning ordinance. Not every form of control is right for a jurisdiction. Recommended controls are based on the characteristics of the area and the needs of the people.

The land use element of the comprehensive plan includes an inventory of existing land uses, goals for future land use as determined from the wishes of the people and consideration of other plan elements and any suggestions for plan implementation.

Arrests Made In Local Break-In

A local man and a juvenile were taken into custody Friday night following a break-in at The Appomattox Book Store on Main Street.

Arrested and charged with breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny were Sheldon J. Everly, 18, of Appomattox, and a 16 year-old juvenile also of Appomattox. Cindy Lee Everly, 20, was also charged with assessory before the fact.

The arrests were made through the combined efforts of the Appomattox Police Department and the Appomattox County Sheriff's Department. A surveillance of the premises had been set-up after several prior break-ins at this same location.

Investigation continues.

"STARS OVER CHRISTMAS" is the title of the Christmas program to be presented by the Appomattox County Elementary School students on December 15, 1977 at 7:30 p.m. at the school. Students taking part in the program, shown above, are Tyree Lee, Beth Caldwell, Larry Mann, Marie King, and Wesley Baldwin.

This is an "extra-plus" on the part of the students and the faculty. YOU are cordially invited to enjoy the result of their combined talents - - a story of Christmas as told in music and drama. Please come!

The Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. in the library.